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1 PRESENT:

2	Louis Kowalski	Rantoul, RAB Member
	Caryl E. Fothergill	RAB Member
3	Chris Hill	IEPA
	Rob Lanter	URS
4	Rich French	URS
	Lorraine Wirges	RAB Member
5	Darren Guttman	AFCEE
	Reed Berger	Village of Rantoul
6	Stephen Fain	URS
	Sloane Wendell	Booze, Allen & Hamilton
7	Donna Kozak	UNITEC
	Janice Blake	AFCEE

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P R O C E E D I N G S

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2 MR. BRECHEEN: I want to thank everyone
3 for coming to the July RAB meeting.

4 MS. WIRGES: Not April.

5 MR. BRECHEEN: Not April. The last one
6 was in April. But I want to say thank you to
7 everybody and I guess we'll start by going around
8 the room.

9 I'm Tim Brecheen with the Air Force.

10 MR. FOTHERGILL: Caryl Fothergill, RAB
11 Member.

12 MR. KOWALSKI: I'm Lou Kowalski. I'm
13 retired, but a RAB Member.

14 MS. WIRGES: Lorraine Wirges, RAB
15 Member, retired.

16 MR. BERGER: Reed Berger with the
17 Village of Rantoul.

18 MR. THOMPSON: Owen Thompson, EPA
19 Region 5.

20 MR. HILL: Chris Hill from the Illinois
21 EPA.

22 MR. FAIN: Stephen Fain with URS
23 Corporation.

24 MR. LANTER: Rob Lanter with the URS

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1 Corporation.

2 MR. FRENCH: Rick French with URS.

3 MR. RIDELL: Bryon Ridell with
4 TechWell.

5 MS. WENDELL: Sloane Wendell with
6 Booze, Allen & Hamilton.

7 MS. BLAKE: Janice Blake with AFCEE.

8 MR. GUTTMANN: Darren Guttman with
9 AFCEE.

10 MS. KOZAK: Donna Kozak with Booze,
11 Allen, Hamilton.

12 MR. BRECHEEN: All right. Thank you.

13 Any discussions of the meeting minutes
14 from the last meeting?

15 (No audible response.)

16 MR. BRECHEEN: Is there a motion to
17 approve?

18 MS. WIRGES: I move.

19 MR. FOTHERGILL: I second.

20 MR. BRECHEEN: All in favor say "aye."

21 RAB MEMBERS: Aye.

22 (Motion approved.)

23 MR. BRECHEEN: We'll get into our
24 standard briefing here.

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1 We'll start with the landfills
2 construction work which we'll have Darren
3 Guttman brief that.

4 MR. GUTTMANN: Good afternoon,
5 everybody.

6 Quickly we'll go over our
7 accomplishments since the last RAB meeting.

8 Landfill 1 and 3, we've continued site
9 maintenance and security. We've done some mowing
10 out there and a little bit of erosion work since
11 for the most part completing construction on
12 those two caps.

13 Landfill 2, we've completed
14 verification of the grading layer.

15 We've excavated the southern extension
16 at that landfill because the landfill cap was
17 extended to the south slightly.

18 We've installed gas vents and we've
19 continued management of surface water there at
20 the site.

21 For the next two to three months, we
22 are going to be submitting our permanent
23 application for leachate collection system to
24 IEPA.

1 And at Landfill 2, the Borrow Source
2 Work Plan is going to be submitted to the
3 agencies for review. I will be installing the
4 remaining components of the leachate collection
5 system and initiating installation of our final
6 cap.

7 He we can see some pictures of the
8 earth work going on for the south cap extension.

9 And this is the south sed basin
10 reconstruction because we're constructing the cap
11 for this, the south sedimentation basin which is
12 designed for storm water control is actually
13 going to be sitting on top of the landfill cap.

14 So in order to do that we had to do
15 some reconstruction to the existing sed basin.

16 And this picture shows another view of
17 that.

18 Any questions?

19 MR. KOWALSKI: Is that basin near
20 Heritage Lake?

21 MR. GUTTMANN: It's actually on the
22 south side of the landfill. I'd say it's
23 probably 350 - 400 yards from Heritage Lake.

24 MR. KOWALSKI: Is it going to be secure

1 so stuff doesn't come into the lake from that?

2 MR. GUTTMANN: Yes, yes. It drains to
3 South Fork Creek; it doesn't drain toward
4 Heritage Lake.

5 MR. HILL: You might mention what's the
6 cross section of the base of that, that holds
7 everything in and keeps it from running out.

8 MR. GUTTMANN: The basin is going to be
9 standard landfill design. It's going to have 12
10 inches to 24 inches of (inaudible) clay and it's
11 going to have a flexible membrane liner on top of
12 that.

13 MR. LANTER: So the cap work is then
14 under the basin?

15 MR. GUTTMANN: Yes, the cap work is
16 going underneath the sed basin.

17 MR. HILL: Lou, there is another sed
18 basin on the east side of Landfill 2 that is
19 closer to Heritage Lake. It's not that one but
20 still --

21 MR. KOWALSKI: It's the same type of
22 construction?

23 MR. GUTTMANN: It is not constructed --
24 the cap does not extend underneath that one

1 because the cap doesn't go that far.

2 So it's just basic general fill is what
3 we used there. But it also discharges to South
4 Fork Creek.

5 MR. LANTER: Another thing to keep in
6 mind is Heritage Lake is artificial lake. In
7 fact, it's elevated and sort of up in the air.
8 That's why when you drive by it you never really
9 look down on it. Nothing really drains into
10 Heritage Lake.

11 MR. GUTTMANN: Thank you.

12 Any other questions?

13 (No audible response.)

14 MR. GUTTMANN: Thanks.

15 MR. FAIN: Again, I'm Stephen Fain with
16 URS Corporation. I'll be talking about Base Wide
17 and Operable Unit One.

18 Remember that OU-1 is up here, OU-2 is
19 down here, and then there's the Landfills, so
20 those are the three major areas we'll be talking
21 about.

22 Since April: The first one is a big
23 issue and that's approval of the Field Sampling
24 Plan and that allows us to do is lot of the work

1 we're going to be talking about today.

2 And there's continued operation of the
3 history of the base.

4 The second and third round of the water
5 sampling, that I believe has been briefed before,
6 but it's isotope sampling, and it allows us to
7 determine the interaction between the different
8 aquifers out here.

9 And, actually, today we're starting the
10 third of four rounds of water levels of over 100
11 well at the base to get a good idea what
12 direction the groundwater is flowing.

13 The plan for the next 60 to 90 - and
14 this has been a plan for a long time - but this
15 document here, the Quality Assurance Project
16 Plan, although we're able to do work right now,
17 we're not able to take laboratory samples that
18 will tell us a whole lot more about what's going
19 on environmentally until we get this Plan
20 approved.

21 So we're doing all the work we can
22 without collecting what's called definitive
23 laboratory analysis which would tell us what
24 potential problems there are in the soil or the

1 groundwater out here.

2 MR. HILL: Are you going to go into
3 exactly what kind of field work you're doing?

4 MR. FAIN: Yes, we'll show that on
5 here.

6 That's right here, Chris, as a matter
7 of fact.

8 We started with field 3 well
9 installation and well development activities that
10 have had a lot of sites within OU-1.

11 Remember OU-1 has over twenty sites
12 that we're looking into as possibly having
13 problems. And we've also done some field
14 sampling along some field tile and the whole
15 storm water drain system in OU-1 which is, Rob,
16 what was it? How many miles long?

17 MR. LANTER: The drainage system
18 itself, the storm sewer system is twenty miles
19 and what we're trying to do is focus on the areas
20 that may have some impact.

21 MR. FAIN: So that's an extensive
22 investigation, the average rain out here and
23 where things might be, you know, from historical
24 practices things might have been dumped or

1 released.

2 This is one of our activities we're
3 doing and it's a DPT Field Screening. And I
4 don't know if you'all have seen any information
5 on this before, but basically we push a probe
6 down into the ground and we can look at the soils
7 as we go.

8 But the main focus is we get a
9 groundwater sample. And we can analyze that with
10 an instrument either in that van or in our field
11 office out here and get a good feel for if
12 there's any problems in that groundwater.

13 It's not what we could do yet if we had
14 what we talked about earlier, the Quality
15 Assurance Plan Project Plan, in place because
16 that would allow us to say conclusively whether
17 we have a problem or not this.

18 This just gives us a good idea if
19 there's any problems in any particular area.

20 This is a well installation. Another
21 thing approval of the Field Sampling Plan allowed
22 us to do is go out and install monitoring wells.

23 These will be definitive in that once
24 we get approval of certain documents, we can take

1 a groundwater sample out of this well and it will
2 be what is called definitive data; it will be
3 meaningful and you'll know with a lot more
4 certainty if you have a problem at that
5 particular location or not.

6 This is actually across the parking lot
7 from Hangar 3. And what building is that, Tim?

8 MR. BRECHEEN: Building 720.

9 MR. BERGER: How long are those wells
10 intending to be there?

11 MR. FAIN: That's a good question.

12 If we sample them twice, and that will
13 be a minimum of 120 days apart, and they don't
14 have any constituents in them, then we would have
15 to talk to the BCT members here and see about
16 possibly removing them.

17 If they do have constituents in them,
18 it could be long term. They're flush mount so
19 you probably wouldn't see them that well if you
20 walked through that grass there unless you were
21 looking for them.

22 This is called well development and
23 before we can sample a well, when you drill the
24 hole and you put the well in the ground, you get

1 a lot of mud and just mucky stuff down in the
2 well.

3 And so before we can collect samples
4 for laboratory analysis, we have to clean all
5 that out of there.

6 This shows -- this thing here is
7 electric and lowers and raises a little block
8 down in the ground that forces water in and out
9 of this little screen and it also extracts the
10 water at the same time to the tank in the back of
11 the truck, and it allows us to in a very
12 efficient manner clean out the well.

13 So the groundwater samples we
14 eventually take from it will be of high quality.

15 For the next 60 to 90 days, we'll be
16 hopefully finalizing the Work Plan for a lot of
17 this work.

18 Like I say, we're doing work now, but
19 it's under the Field Sampling Plan. This will be
20 one step closer to going out and doing work
21 really unlimited where we can kind of do the full
22 scope of everything.

23 Is there any questions?

24 MR. KOWALSKI: Yeah, I have a question.

1 MR. FAIN: Okay.

2 MR. KOWALSKI: What is the hang up on
3 getting this Quality Assurance Plan approved so
4 the work you do is verified or whatever you want
5 to call it, authentic?

6 MR. FAIN: That's a good question, too.
7 There are some issues that -- I guess -- you
8 know, jump in if you'd like.

9 MR. LANTER: There's some technical
10 disagreements between the Air Force and the
11 regulatory agencies on how the data is going to
12 be evaluated. And we're saying validate it.

13 And we're pretty close to working those
14 things out.

15 MR. FAIN: We had earlier in the
16 meeting today, I think we worked through a lot of
17 this stuff.

18 You know, I think there's one or two
19 issues that just need to be resolved and we're
20 hoping to do that within the month.

21 MR. KOWALSKI: And when you get an
22 agreement, then the data becomes authentic, is
23 that it?

24 MR. FAIN: Well, then we can start

1 collecting data that will be authentic.

2 MS. WIRGES: You said 60 to 90 days
3 before you could really get into your actual
4 work. That's takes us to like August, September,
5 October into November, are you going to be able
6 to work through the colder months on what you
7 need to do?

8 MR. FAIN: Yes. The field people will
9 be complaining, but we will try to work through
10 those months.

11 Anything else?

12 (No audible response.)

13 MR. LANTER: Once again my name is Rob
14 Lanter; I'm with URS. And I'm over Operable
15 Unit-2.

16 Basically, our accomplishments since
17 the last RAB meeting I think one of the biggest
18 ones is we got our draft Work Plan to the
19 regulators, and we have received comments back
20 and gone through the comments with the regulators
21 yesterday.

22 And so we are on the road to getting
23 our Plan approved. And as with Steve's work in
24 OU1 we started doing some field screening around

1 a lot of the OU-2 sites.

2 We've also begun installing monitoring
3 wells around the Landfills and developing those
4 wells.

5 Here are a few pictures from our
6 current field work. This is a DPT rig. It is
7 taking a groundwater sample in the Building 923
8 area.

9 This is another photo of a DPT
10 groundwater collection, and this is out in area
11 130, which is west of Landfill 3.

12 And this is one of the well
13 installations that we conducted around Landfill
14 4.

15 All these photos were taken within the
16 last couple of weeks.

17 And our planned activities for the next
18 60 to 90 days, we want to finalize the Work Plan
19 so we can begin collection of the same definitive
20 well data as Steve referenced in OU-1.

21 And our work there is also governed by
22 the same documents Steve talked about, the Base
23 Wide Sample Analysis Plan has to be approved for
24 us to do work in OU-2 to collect for the data.

1 And currently we continue on with the
2 field screening that we're doing and the well
3 installation. So we have work, but we can't
4 continue with it until the Work Plan is approved.

5 Any questions?

6 MR. HILL: It might be useful to just
7 give a brief explanation of why you're doing the
8 field screening.

9 MR. LANTER: Yeah, we have a lot more
10 background information data on a lot of the OU-2
11 sites.

12 And so what we're doing is going into
13 areas where we have a fair degree of confidence
14 that there is some amount of contamination
15 present.

16 And so what we're trying to do with the
17 field screening in collecting the ground water is
18 to locate the area of highest contamination and
19 then come back and put a well, a monitoring well
20 in among that area.

21 And right now we've got thirteen areas
22 that we're doing source area investigations for.

23 Questions?

24 (No audible response.)

1 MR. BRECHEEN: On the Non-CERCLA sites,
2 those are the storage tanks, the aboveground and
3 underground storage sites.

4 We worked out at Building 125, which is
5 in the way of the construction for the new
6 intersection, worked out there with some
7 equipment removal.

8 And we plan to just continue closing
9 out some of these old things and getting the
10 documentation process through the agencies.

11 They've all been removed, but it's the
12 sites need approval also.

13 And I also want to provide an update on
14 the Community Relations Plan. And we talked at
15 the last RAB, I think Mark Britton was here and
16 Jessica Resch, and we talked about interviews and
17 stuff and several people were contacted. I think
18 you guys were called?

19 MS. WIRGES: Yes.

20 MR. BRECHEEN: Good. I think they
21 contacted about 15 or so folks and asked the
22 kinds of questions you guys were asked, just
23 trying to get a feel for the community's thoughts
24 on the program and to provide basically an update

1 of when is the best way to communicate both now
2 and over the next several years as we obtain more
3 information?

4 What's the best way to communicate with
5 the public and maintain community relations?
6 Because we're going to see a lot of activity as
7 you talked about, you're going to see a lot of
8 it.

9 You're right, in the next two or three
10 months we're going to see a lot more physical
11 field activity, okay? You guys might have
12 already seen some of these vehicles out on the
13 base or whatever and there's going to be more.

14 So we want to make sure that you guys
15 are informed so you can tell folks that ask you
16 and others know as well.

17 MR. BERGER: How many vehicles do you
18 have to put out there? Are you bringing in more?

19 Are reinforcements arriving.

20 MR. LANTER: Right now, it's just
21 personal vehicles, trucks and cars between five
22 and ten.

23 But we have two drilling rigs,
24 monitoring wells which have dual wheeled

1 vehicles, pretty big rigs.

2 And then we have two smaller, two
3 direct push rigs which are either mounted on the
4 back of the van or the back of the truck as you
5 saw in the photo and a few support vehicles with
6 that.

7 With the well installation crew, they
8 have a water truck and I think another surface
9 vehicle and then a backhoe.

10 MR. BERGER: So pretty much all the
11 equipment is on-site?

12 MR. LANTER: Right.

13 MR. BERGER: Okay, thank you.

14 MS. WIRGES: Is the equipment all
15 within your organization or do you contract out
16 some of the work?

17 MR. LANTER: We have subcontractors.
18 We subcontract out the monitoring
19 wells, drilling and completion, and the direct
20 push, the groundwater sampling.

21 MR. KOWALSKI: Tim, are you going to
22 put together a community relations plan?

23 MR. BRECHEEN: Yes, sir.

24 MR. KOWALSKI: From the data you

1 collected?

2 MR. BRECHEEN: Yes.

3 MS. WIRGES: Is there any possibility
4 of a limited tour of the area for the RAB Members
5 or part of the RAB members?

6 MR. BRECHEEN: That's a great idea.
7 Like a tour of the different sites?

8 MS. WIRGES: Right.

9 MR. BRECHEEN: When do you think would
10 be the best time would probably be?

11 Now or the next 60 to 90 days when a
12 lot of the activity is taking place?

13 MS. WIRGES: Probably in that 60 to 90
14 days' time frame when you're really into it.

15 MR. BRECHEEN: Okay.

16 MR. BERGER: But not after ten days of
17 rain.

18 MS. WIRGES: There are times when it
19 rains and we need it.

20 MR. BRECHEEN: Okay, good. That's all
21 I had. Reed, you want to talk about reuse
22 process, progress.

23 MR. BERGER: Sure.

24 We've had some progress in the base or

1 the part that the Village owns.

2 In fact, maybe I'll just talk for a
3 moment about getting more involved in some of the
4 properties that are not owned by the Village but
5 are owned by other developers and are sitting
6 there vacant and where we could intervene or
7 assist in some way.

8 And I think a recent example we're kind
9 of excited about is down on Century for Custom
10 Landscaping Services is underway with demolition.
11 And the work there I think is beautifying the
12 area, as much as we're tearing up roads around
13 the same general location.

14 And hopefully by this winter, the dust
15 will settle and that will also settle, too. But
16 I think overall we're making progress in making
17 that area look better.

18 MR. KOWALSKI: Is the building they're
19 knocking down, is that part of Custom
20 Landscaping?

21 MR. BERGER: Yes, it is. (Inaudible)
22 bought all of the ground from both of the east
23 west streets; so it Kneel(sp) -- between
24 Boreman(sp) and Kneel Street. Those two

1 properties, the front there, the old Red Cross
2 building which has some historic value as well.

3 And so this really will dress up the
4 community, particularly when they're done. This
5 is not an immediate process. This is about a
6 two-year process of work that will turn into a
7 retail landscaping center.

8 MR. KOWALSKI: I think they've already
9 done some -- a little landscaping up there. It
10 looks kind of nice.

11 MR. BERGER: Yeah. So again, there are
12 a lot of buildings still out there that are in
13 the private sector that need assistance also.

14 So we're going to take a more proactive
15 role than maybe we've done in the past to help
16 facilitate the changes there.

17 I should say the Village is also
18 working right now on a Comprehensive Planning
19 Draft and they will probably go to the Planning
20 Commission in the next few months to begin that
21 process of a formal review of a comprehensive
22 plan, part of which will include the base area.

23 And so that process is beginning. So
24 it would be an opportunity for a lot of public

1 comment and ideas about what we want to make of
2 the Base.

3 Now this last obviously been done over,
4 you know, during a couple of stages; so when the
5 base was about to close, when it did close, there
6 were reviews from professional groups that came
7 in, planners and offered up some ideas.

8 But it's time to go back and look at
9 that and ask ourselves what's going to work here?

10 And should commercial be where
11 commercial was may be shown before?

12 We're also dealing with after the
13 Comprehensive Plan is the zoning. And the zoning
14 for the Base right now has been sort of primarily
15 lumped into one classification of aviation use,
16 support use and sort of catch-all.

17 And so the idea is to get a little more
18 definition to how we're going to zone these
19 different areas. It's a part of that land use
20 plan.

21 So that process is going to happen
22 here.

23 But again, the comprehensive planning
24 has to take place first before we can get the

1 zoning done.

2 So I told you some of the sort of broad
3 picture of things that are happening overall.

4 Now with specific relationship to the
5 Village action and what we're doing. We'll start
6 with this building.

7 We'll little cold today because we're
8 still trying to figure out how to work the HVAC
9 systems that were run by the Air Force which
10 dealt with heating and air conditioning in a
11 different way than we're probably used to.

12 So if we run twenty laps around the
13 building, we'll get warmed up. But that's not
14 the way we're going to do it.

15 We're going to put in new controls.
16 We've got money budgeted to continue to improve
17 this building and get this occupied next year.

18 And when I say next year, I mean
19 calendar year of 2004 will really be the kick-off
20 date when we get several improvements in here to
21 make this more marketable for our office and
22 technology.

23 So in the meantime, it will be a little
24 quiet, I'm hoping in this building.

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1 Going beyond this building is --
2 we're concerned about a number of the vacant
3 buildings that we believe don't have any use,
4 logically in the future either because they're in
5 such bad shape or they're dysfunctional in just
6 the way that they're put together that there are
7 very few uses to market them.

8 So we're evaluating right now the
9 asbestos that's in the buildings, and the cost to
10 remove that asbestos and/or to take what is not
11 friable and to move into Landfills that will take
12 asbestos.

13 But we're looking at those different
14 options right now because we feel we need to have
15 a full assessment of what's the big picture for
16 the Village, and how much are we talking about
17 here, and do we need to go back and address say
18 agencies like the EPA, the Federal EPA about
19 their ground field site programs and some other
20 agencies that can assist us with costs that may
21 be more than we're prepared with our modest
22 budgets to handle.

23 So that intelligence gathering process
24 is under way.

1 We have some concerns about right now
2 with some of our -- the roofs in particular
3 because the last rains we've had have caused us
4 great discomfort because that's when the rains
5 really show up and they get under the flashing.
6 So we're dealing with a lot of that right now.

7 Going back to some of the positive
8 notes about our conversion is we are leasing out
9 more space over the last several months.

10 In fact, asbestos training - I don't
11 know if I mentioned last time - we have a company
12 that's leased the old fire station and they're
13 putting together asbestos training classes, as
14 well as providing that service out to us and
15 others if we need it.

16 There were actually involved in the
17 road construction project recently, in the steam
18 tunnels which are under the sidewalks, removing
19 that and getting in there and removing the
20 asbestos.

21 So it's good to have somebody on-site
22 that can provide that service.

23 Am I missing anything there?

24 MR. BRECHEEN: There's a lot of good

1 road construction.

2 MR. BERGER: A lot of road
3 construction.

4 MR. BRECHEEN: The end result.

5 MR. BERGER: The end result is very
6 good.

7 The necessary widening -- again, this
8 is a State of Illinois for anyone that thinks
9 it's a Village project, it's primarily not that.

10 We have coordinated with the State, but
11 it's a State project for the most part.

12 We're more involved in the Veterans
13 Parkway project and the consternation that that
14 causes sometimes, because right now east-west you
15 can't get across town, and that's continuing to
16 change.

17 But if you're ever thinking about
18 taking that, don't do it, you need to go north to
19 136 to really get across town.

20 MR. KOWALSKI: Is there anything
21 happening on those two old buildings on south
22 Bergner, I don't know if they're dining halls
23 or --

24 MR. BERGER: Yes, that whole 800 area,

1 really all of the buildings. There's a church
2 and there's a pallet company that's in the
3 process of moving out.

4 Those areas we're talking about doing
5 further evaluations of the asbestos and we've
6 been having inspections and trying to get our
7 hands on the total cost to demolish those in the
8 appropriate manner and not get in trouble with
9 anybody in doing so.

10 So we're just trying to get the
11 numbers, we're trying to get them very quickly
12 now because this may be a critical year in terms
13 of determining whether or not agencies may
14 provide some assistance here.

15 MR. KOWALSKI: It would be nice if you
16 could have some kind of work going on and doing
17 pieces of it, but I realize you need a whole Plan
18 because there are some places that are just eye
19 sores.

20 MR. BERGER: Right. Absolutely.

21 And I'll tell you that corner is our
22 highest goal in terms of if there's anyplace that
23 we own that we're concerned about is that corner
24 of Chandler and Century.

1 MR. KOWALSKI: Yes. We think it would
2 make good real estate.

3 MR. BERGER: We think so.

4 I guess I'll add only one more thing
5 and that's related to the airport, I've been
6 reminded and need reminding that there's an FAA
7 benefit transfer that's developed with this
8 property, all of this property.

9 So it's important to note that what
10 we're focused on is making sure that the airport
11 is running in the best condition it can and has
12 all the revenues to make sure that it operates in
13 the black.

14 That's happening; we're getting some
15 taxiway improvements which you'll be reading
16 about out there to increase the safety by taking
17 planes off the runway.

18 Eventually on both runways we hope to
19 have planes not back taxiing or staying on the
20 runway to get back do their hangars or fueling
21 stations.

22 So that is underway.

23 And the World Free Fall is coming.

24 MR. BRECHEEN: Soon.

1 MR. BERGER: Soon.

2 MR. HILL: What's the date on that?

3 MR. BERGER: August 1 is the start
4 date, and it's a ten-day event. They're here
5 now.

6 MR. BRECHEEN: I guess I wanted to add
7 a note as well. I've accepted another position.

8 MS. WIRGES: Where are you going to?

9 MR. BRECHEEN: I accepted a position
10 with an active duty Air Force station up in New
11 Hampshire which is very close to my wife's family
12 and grandparents and relatives for my children.

13 MR. FOTHERGILL: East?

14 MR. BRECHEEN: Actually, it's west.

15 MR. KOWALSKI: When is it going to
16 happen?

17 MR. BRECHEEN: It's going to happen in
18 the next thirty days.

19 MR. KOWALSKI: Do they have somebody
20 else?

21 MR. BRECHEEN: They're working on that.
22 They're going to provide someone in a temporary
23 position that's already familiar with Air Force
24 closures and his name is Andy Mendosa(sp).

1 MS. WIRGES: Oh, Andy's coming back.

2 MR. BRECHEEN: He's familiar to you and
3 he used to work here many years ago and he took a
4 job up in D.C., so he's coming back.

5 So all the details have not been worked
6 out on how it's to take place because there's
7 also other duties besides environmental.

8 MS. WIRGES: Andy's just a temporary
9 fill?

10 MR. BRECHEEN: From what I understand,
11 yes.

12 So we know we've made a lot of progress
13 and there's a lot more to do, and we still want
14 to work hard while we're here to keep the process
15 moving.

16 Janice Blake from AFCEE is a big part
17 of keeping us moving as well. And I want just
18 want to publically say thank you to Owen and
19 Chris, working with you guys.

20 It's been great, a great ride; almost
21 like a roller-coaster sometimes.

22 But we have got a lot done and we've
23 brought the team back together. And it's from a
24 lot of hard work from Janice and the folks at

1 AFCEE, our contractors. And I think we've got
2 the right team in place to continue the process.

3 I appreciate Reed's help to understand
4 the community's input and your comments and
5 whether you're talking to Jessica on interview
6 questions or talking to us.

7 It does not go unnoticed. In fact, a
8 lot of the areas we're looking at here are
9 because people spoke up and said hey, back when,
10 I remember. And we did take that seriously.

11 So I want to say thank you, and the Air
12 Force will continue to move the site forward.

13 MR. BERGER: I'll go on record here I
14 just want to say personally I told my wife I
15 said, you know, I thought my this would be the
16 last long-term relationship I would enter into.

17 But I was really looking forward to
18 having a long-term relationship with you as a
19 professional in what you do, and I think I can
20 echo that with everybody at the Village who told
21 me before I even got started of your character
22 and your ability and what you brought to the
23 table, and I think we're going to all miss you
24 very much.

1 MS. WIRGES: You can always come back.

2 MR. BERGER: That's right.

3 MR. KOWALSKI: I have a couple of hard
4 questions yet.

5 MR. BRECHEEN: Okay.

6 MR. KOWALSKI: Not really. If we have
7 a limited tour of the sites, I would appreciate
8 it because I still don't know where they planted
9 the wildflowers.

10 MR. BRECHEEN: They're actually
11 starting to come up.

12 MR. KOWALSKI: I don't know where
13 they're at. And if I want to tell somebody where
14 they're at, I can't even do that. And I hope
15 you'll do more of that in making the sites not
16 look sterile and you have flowers wherever you
17 can.

18 The other thing, the hard question is:
19 When will you know whether the stuff
20 going into the creek is not contaminated anymore
21 or do you know that already?

22 MR. BRECHEEN: Okay. I'll defer to
23 Janice or URS.

24 MS. BLAKE: Mr. Lanter, early spring?

1 MR. LANTER: Yes.

2 MS. BLAKE: Early spring.

3 MR. LANTER: Yes, we have more sampling
4 planned.

5 MR. KOWALSKI: Will that be made public
6 someday when you know you've accomplished
7 something like that?

8 Or are we going to have to go to the
9 library and read documents?

10 MS. BLAKE: We'll discuss it at the RAB
11 I'm sure, whatever you guys want to do. I mean,
12 we'll continue to keep you guys informed through
13 the RAB conference.

14 MR. KOWALSKI: I think it's more than
15 just keeping me informed or us informed, I think
16 if you want good community relations, you ought
17 to let the community know, too, you know, in some
18 easy way.

19 MR. BRECHEEN: One of the things that
20 will also come out of this Community Relations
21 Plan is the periodic publishing of fact sheets,
22 the newsletters and updates from the overall
23 prospective of what we are finding.

24 MS. WIRGES: I was going to say we used

1 to get sort of a news sheet, but we haven't had
2 that for two or three years I guess.

3 So that would be a good tool.

4 MR. BRECHEEN: I guess we'll have the
5 next RAB scheduled in the October time frame like
6 we're doing now.

7 Is the noon meetings working out for
8 everybody?

9 MS. WIRGES: Yes.

10 MR. BERGER: Gary Adams wanted to be
11 here and he had a conflict with another meeting
12 but he still may come back.

13 MR. BRECHEEN: The meeting is
14 adjourned. Thank you.

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